Removal of Gandhi Statue

2472. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 31st May, 1992 under the caption "Gandhi Statue gives way to MGR's";

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) when it was installed at Choolaimedu High Road, Madras;

(d) whether Central Government's consent was obtained before removing the statue of the Father of the Nation; and

(e) if not, what is Government's reaction and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected from the State Government and will be placed on the table of the House.

Employees in the University of Jammu

2473. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of all categories employees working in the University of Jammu.

(b) category-wise and community wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the percentage of Muslim employees are less in comparison to their popula- ; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to strike a balance to engage more Muslim employees ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase of Computers on Exorbitant Rates

2474. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an official of the National Informatics Centre the Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, has been empowered to buy computers/systems for the centre directly from Indian as well as foreign companies;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that exorbitant rates have been paid for buying computers/ systems for the said centre in recent times;

(c) whether Government propose to order a CBI enquiry into all purchases of the centre to bring to light any misappropriation of Government funds; and

(d) whether Government would entrust the work of buying new computers/systems to the NIC in order to prevent missue of Govern ment funds ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER THE MINISTRY OF HUMA